

#### § 403.197

requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 with respect to ensuring equal access to vocational education.

(c) Any expenditures pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section must increase the amount of funds that would otherwise be available to meet the costs of an individualized education program or to comply with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2468e(a)(1))

#### **§ 403.197 What are the requirements for the use of equipment?**

(a) Equipment purchased with funds under § 403.112, § 403.113, or § 403.116, when not being used to carry out the purposes of the Act for which it was purchased, may be used for other vocational education purposes if the acquisition of the equipment was reasonable and necessary for the purpose of conducting a properly designed project or activity under the Secondary School Vocational Education Program or the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Program.

(b) Equipment purchased with funds under § 403.112, § 403.113, or § 403.116, when not being used to carry out the purposes of the Act for which it was purchased or other vocational education purposes, may be used for other instructional purposes if—

(1) The acquisition of the equipment was reasonable and necessary for the purpose of conducting a properly designed project or activity under the Secondary School Vocational Education Program or the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Program; and

(2) The other use of the equipment is after regular school hours or on weekends.

(c) The use of equipment under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section must—

(1) Be incidental to the use of that equipment for the purposes under the Secondary School Vocational Education Program or the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Program for which it was purchased;

(2) Not interfere with the use of that equipment for the purposes under the Secondary School Vocational Education Program or the Postsecondary

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and Adult Vocational Education Program for which it was purchased; and

(3) Not add to the cost of using that equipment for the purposes under the Secondary School Vocational Education Program or the Postsecondary and Adult Vocational Education Program for which it was purchased.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2342(c)(3))

#### **Subpart I—What Are the Administrative Responsibilities of a State Under the State Vocational and Applied Technology Education Program?**

#### **§ 403.200 What are the State's responsibilities for ensuring compliance with the comparability requirements?**

(a) The State board may not make a payment under the Act to a local educational agency unless the LEA is in compliance with § 403.194. As indicated in § 403.194(a), an LEA may demonstrate its compliance with the comparability requirements by filing an appropriate assurance.

(b) The State board shall monitor each local educational agency's compliance with the comparability requirements in § 403.194.

(c) If, after a local educational agency receives an award of Federal funds under the State plan, the local educational agency is found not to be in compliance with the comparability requirements, the State board shall—

(1) Withhold all or a portion of the local educational agency's grant award, but not less than the amount or percentage by which the local educational agency failed to achieve comparability under the local educational agency's procedures established pursuant to § 403.194(c); or

(2) Require repayment of the amount or percentage by which the local educational agency failed to achieve comparability if the local educational agency is found not to be in compliance after the period of availability of the funds awarded has ended.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2323(b)(19))